
All sessions will be live via Zoom Meeting, include closed captioning,
and recorded for later viewing for *registered* participants.

9:00 am - 10:15 am *(Ethics 0.25)*

Developing Remote/Virtual Legal Clinics In The Age of COVID-19

Disability Rights Texas has successfully organized and executed pro bono legal clinics with our law firm partners across Texas for the last 5+ years. Delivering pro bono legal services to our clients via a clinical model has expanded the number of clients that we can reach and legal services that we can provide exponentially. When the COVID-19 pandemic began - we knew that the way that we delivered pro bono legal representation, assistance, and advice would have to quickly adapt and pivot to suit the times and continue to assist the greatest number of individuals possible. This presentation will cover the nuts, bolts, and best practices on how to develop and maintain a successful virtual legal clinic model. We will examine, compare, and contrast some of the existing virtual clinic models. We will discuss identifying clinic opportunities, outreach to connect with potential clinic clients, recruiting and training pro bono lawyers to volunteer, and how to promote and market a virtual clinic in order to draw in the maximum number of clients.

Finally, this presentation will discuss how to move/transition from an in person pro bono legal clinic into safe and effective remote/virtual options in times of emergency like natural disasters and COVID-19. All presentation materials will be provided to each session participant.

Presenters: Cicely Reid, Pro Bono Coordinator and Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Texas*
**additional panelists to come*

10:45 am - 12:00 pm *(Ethics 1.00)*

DWI: Driving While Indigent

Barriers to a valid driver's license impact more than just a person's ability to drive. Without a valid ID, one cannot obtain employment, housing, access to benefits and a myriad of other collateral restrictions. Most often, the barriers stem from outstanding tickets, warrants, fines and fees from municipal or justice of the peace courts and are the result of a person's inability to pay. This session will discuss: the types of ID related barriers people face; ways to remedy barriers utilizing pro bono attorney support; direct representation; pro se clinics; and pro bono recruitment practices and management.

Presenters: Cornelia Alvarez, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas
Brettney Moore, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas
Erin Russell, Special Projects Manager, Beacon Law

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm *(Ethics 0.50)*

Effectively Recruiting and Using Pro Bono Attorneys

This session will explore different "pro bono" perspectives concerning recruiting and using pro bono attorneys. Participants will learn from coordinators with a nationwide and international perspective, a traditional provider perspective, and a smaller program perspective, what works, what didn't work, and how to adapt effectively during a pandemic (or similar crisis).

Presenters: Michelle Alden, Director, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program
Layne Faulkner, Volunteer Director, Human Rights Initiative of North Texas
Ellyn Josef, Pro Bono Counsel, Vinson & Elkins